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SUBJ: SOMALI AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT ON PRESIDENT SIAD

BARRE'S VISIT TO SENEGAL

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SUMMARY. SOMALI AMBASSADOR NUR TOLD AMBASSADOR MAIN DIFFICULTY DURING SIAD VISIT TO SENEGAL WAS DIVERGENCE ON FRENCH SOMALILAND AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENT WAS AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE. SIED BARRE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY WASHINGTON TALKS. END. SUMMARY.

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S NOVEMBER 12 RETURN COURTESY CALL ON ABDULLAHI EGEL NUR, RECENTLY ELEVATED FROM SDR CHARGE TO A.E.P., NUR COMMENTED ON HIS PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO DAKAR
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ITINERARY, NUR SAID, BUT WAS ADDED AT HIS INSISTENCE. TALKS WENT WELL EXCEPT 8 HOUR STALEMATE ON ISSUE OF FORMER FRENCH COAST OF THE SOMALIS WHICH SDR WISHED TO CALL FRENCH SOMALILAND, AND DID IN FINAL ENGLISH VERSION, AND WHICH SENEGALESE WISHED TO STYLE TERRITOIRE DES AFARS ET ISSAS. (FRENCH VERSION OF COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN LE SOLEIL CALLED IT "TERRITOIRE FRANCAIS DE DJIBOUTI".) NUR SAID SENGHOR HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING FRENCH TO AGREE ON REFERENDUM IN TERRITORY IF INHABITANTS SOUGHT ONE, BUT GSDR DOUBTED ELECTIONS WOULD BE FREE UNLESS SUPERVISED BY UN. NUR FELT FRENCH WOULD WISH TO HOLD ON TO DJIBOUTI FOR STRATEGIC REASONS AND THAT THEY WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY NATO IN ANY SUCH EFFORT. AMBASSADOR REMINDED NUR US POLICY ON NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IN AFRICA HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY STATED. WE SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION BUT DO NOT LIMIT OPTIONS TO INDEPENDENCE.

2. NUR SAID GSDR SOUGHT AREAS OF COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE AND WOULD LIKENBO IMPORT SENEGALESE PEANUTS WHICH THEY HAD TESTED AND FOUND OF HIGHEST QUALITY. CULTURAL EXCHANGE STRESSED BY SENEGALESE AND SOMALI DANCE TROOP PROBABLY WILL VISIT DAKAR SOON. POLITICAL CONSULTATION WOULD CONTINUE, LARGELY IN DAKAR AND WHEN TWO PRESIDENTS MEET IN THIRD COUNTRY, SINCE GOS NOT SCHEDULED TO HAVE RESIDENT MISSION IN MOGADISCIO UNTIL LATE 1975.

3. IN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION NUR SAID HIS PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED WITH HIS RECENT VISIT WITH PRESIDENT FORD. HE FELT DISCUSSIONS WERE DIRECT, FRANK, AND SHOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. AS A RESULT HE FELT USG GSDR RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE SLOWLY BUT STEADILY.

4. NUR ACCOMPANIED GSDR MISSION TO BANJUL, WHERE HE HOPES TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS NEXT MONTH. HE WILL ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO MALI, MAURITANIA, AND GUINEA.
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